



Summary on Input Discussion 3A—RELATIONSHIPS

What should be the key characteristics of an effective relationship between the Coordinating Council and local efforts?

Good two-way communication: Frequent, Honest, Friendly, Open, and Reliable

Joint decision making

Ease of access/open door policy

Oversight

Flexibility

Clear vision, mission and objectives (defined by both)

Simple reports/easy to understand

Visibility in community

Funds to ensure good communications

Shared guidelines

Relationship building

Good planning and training

Equal representations throughout state

Decentralization in power/decisions

Clear statement of roles

Council visits to local communities

Acknowledge successes

Check legal prohibitions

Recognize barriers and find solutions

Commitment to action

Blend of bureaucracy and grass roots

Durable funding

Identification of local contacts

Clear expectations

Stress interdependence

Trust and mutual respect

Shared roles/responsibilities

Accountability/evaluations (both ways)

Meeting needs of both

Responsive

Common vision, interests and language

Inclusivity/diverse representation

Honor and build on local efforts

Local ownership

Time to nurture relationships

Funds at each level

Support without interference

Equal authority

Designated leadership at each level

Access to same data

Advice/assistance to local efforts

Strong liaison between state and local

Periodic training/education conferences

Community awareness

Sustainable staff

Eliminate cookie cutter approach

Structured process for exchange

Keep out political influence

Clearinghouse

Be a resource

Be aggressive

Include rural/frontier communities

What are the top three steps the Council should take to foster an effective relationship?

- Establish structure/framework with mission, objectives, goals and guidelines.
- Multi-directional simultaneous communications.
- Power to make decisions independently.
- Community assessment.
- Good communication.
- Training.
- Legislation.
- Provide local agencies with media resources provided by state.

- Durable funding.
- Involve all stakeholders.
- Emphasize local control over local issues.
- Clear expectations and relationships.
- Recognize and appreciate that all communities have value.
- Cause action to happen, action and trust.
- Visibility by Council.
- Having tangible early short and long outcomes.

- Common goals.
- Demographically diverse representation on Council.
- Create teams to tour communities to determine vital signs.
- Level playing field—promoting the best use of resources.
- Information gathering and sharing.
- Well publicized, thorough strategic plan for budget and implementation.
- Clearly defined menu of what they can/will do.

- Focusing on results/successes.
- Conduct evaluations regularly.
- Establish quality indicators.
- Streamline and simplify funding schemes.
- Patience on both sides.
- Open to support and change.
- Seek stakeholder input at every stage.
- Send money and resources.
- Common goals.
- Take a leading role.
- Be responsive to local community needs.
- Establish and secure a consistent funding stream.

- Involve representatives from each of the American Tribes.
- Identify new resources and leverage existing resources.
- Blend of bureaucracy and grass roots effort.
- Continue networking.
- Include public and private sectors.
- Accessibility/stay visual.
- Accountability.
- Technical support.
- Establish bylaws on Council makeup.
- More supportive than directive.

Other steps listed, not in top three:

- Establish reporting system.
- Take strong stand on issues.
- Include youth on Council.
- Have power to make decisions outside political agendas.
- Prioritize.
- Conduct media campaign.
- Use lay persons' language.
- Take risks.
- Provide a template for communities to use as a base.
- Have a commitment to rural areas.
- Resist linear structure.
- Go to communities; meet face-to-face and rotate meetings around the state.
- Set up realistic time frame for immediate results.

What are the top three steps the local agencies/partnerships should take to foster an effective relationship?

- Provide accurate information/keep them informed.
- Define stakeholders.
- Contact person.
- Funding.
- Communication.
- Be willing to provide research and feedback.
- Be open to support/change.
- Allow time to succeed.
- Willingness to collaborate and pool revenues.
- Share visions for their community.
- Promote public awareness.
- Develop common vision.
- Invite broad variety to the table.
- Share successes/willing to train others.
- Develop specific plan for meeting needs of consumers of services.
- Identify and define community strengths.
- Build trusting relationships with the Council and State of Idaho.
- Focus on results.

- Avoid duplication and give up territorial rights.
- Some success right away.
- Patience on both sides.
- Commitment to activity.
- Do a local needs/assets assessment.
- Help focus the state's energy.
- Conduct brainstorming.
- Bylaws.
- Constant reaffirmation of goals and objectives.
- Accountability.
- Evaluation of working or not.
- Be honest.
- Provide useful, accurate, and complete data.
- Time.
- Designate strong leadership and encourage diverse representation of communities.
- Commitment to the process of collaboration.
- Identify and define community strengths.

Other steps listed, not in top three:

- Encourage visionary thinking.
- Make it fun.
- Respond to requests for information and evaluations in a timely manner.
- Expand local community base.
- Share Council message with community.
- Overcome cynicism about one more change.
- Remain neutral and nonterritorial.
- Use youth in the developing process.
- Retain autonomy.
- Trust at the local level there will be a worthwhile result.
- Be open—show up and speak up.
- Don't rely only on volunteers.